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1. You are authorized to inform Lon Nol late in evening of May 16 that during the early morning hours of 17 May (Saigon time) a Vietnamese force, accompanied by US advisers, will conduct helicopter and armored attacks into enemy base areas in Cambodia, in an area bounded by the Mekong River on the East, the cities of Prey Lovea, Takeo, Krong Kep, and Kampot to the West. Initial assaults will be made into the vicinity of the above-named cities and into the Nui O mountain area. T objective of these attacks is to destroy enemy logistics, supplies and facilities.

2. It is anticipated that these operations will terminate in about 14 days, at which time all forces are expected to return to South Viet-Nam.

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3. You should, of course, emphasize importance of maintaining security until operation is launched.

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